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SAFETY AUDIT OF PRIVATE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) are carrying out safety audits of private air operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of audits undertaken by DGCA during the last three years;

(c) whether a number of private operators are not following the established norms of safety;

(d) if so, the number of such cases that came to the notice of DGCA during such audits; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure compliance of safety norms by private Airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. The safety audit covers all essential areas including engineering, operations, quality control department etc. During the last three years, a total of 25 safety audits of private air operators have been carried out by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) and (d):- No, Sir. The air operators are following the established norms of safety. The deficiencies pointed out in the safety audits are brought to the notice of the operators immediately for taking in-house corrective measures.

(e):- The DGCA ensures, on a continuous basis, strict compliance of safety norms by all air operators, including private operators by way of safety audits. Besides, spot checks on maintenance activities are also carrried out by the DGCA.